

AN ORDINANCE

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AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO INTERMUNICIPAL COMMUTER RAIL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,500.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, in 1997, the Texas Legislature authorized the formation of an Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District for the Austin-San Antonio Corridor (the "District") through the enactment of Senate Bill 657 in order to facilitate the creation of a regional passenger rail system that would help reduce congestion, lower traffic fatalities, improve mobility, promote economic development and accelerate commerce along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the cities of Austin and San Antonio and the counties of Travis and Bexar voted to create the District, as required by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the population of the Austin-San Antonio Corridor is expected to double over the next 20 years to approximately 5 million people and already Interstate 35 through the Austin-San Antonio Corridor is the deadliest and most congested highway in America, with over 100 fatalities a year occurring in the 110 mile stretch between Georgetown and San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, NAFTA trade traffic through the Austin-San Antonio Corridor continues to grow at a rate of nearly 15 percent per year, adding thousands of trucks to our already-congested highways and new highways, which are increasingly more expensive to build, are often filled to capacity as soon as they are completed; and

WHEREAS, according to the 1999 *Austin-San Antonio Commuter Rail Feasibility Study*, the estimated cost to build a commuter rail system between Austin and San Antonio is \$475 million, including the cost for design, construction, purchase of rights-of-way, improvements to rail crossings, and the construction of passenger stations; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently updating major components of the 1999 *Austin-San Antonio Commuter Rail Feasibility Report* and key elements will include ridership estimates, project implementation costs, and a financial plan and said revisions will be structured in a manner that is consistent with federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the cities of San Antonio and Austin, the counties of Bexar and Travis, and VIA and Capital Metro, will each contribute \$49,500.00 to fund staff operations and hire specialized assistance related to legal, accounting, technical and legislative issues; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Payment to the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District for membership dues in the amount of \$49,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 is hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$49,500.00 are authorized to be encumbered in Cost Center 8002430001, General Ledger 5203050 entitled "Membership Dues", Fund Number 11001000 entitled "General Fund" and made payable to the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District when a purchase order is issued.

SECTION 3. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific cost centers, general ledgers and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 2004.



M A Y O R

EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 32.

Date: 10/21/04

Time: 03:04:34 PM

Vote Type: Multiple selection

Description: An Ordinance authorizing payment of the City of San Antonio's annual membership dues to the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District in the amount of \$49,500.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. [Presented by Christopher J. Brady, Acting Director, External Relations; J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager]

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1		x		
JOEL WILLIAMS	DISTRICT 2		x		
RON H. SEGOVIA	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5	Not present			
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
JULIAN CASTRO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
CARROLL SCHUBERT	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR ED GARZA	MAYOR		x		